



*A Love Smeared in Ashes*

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HURRY UP  
AND GET OUR  
DRESSES READY~

"WHERE  
ARE YOU,  
CINDERELLA?"



PLANNING  
COMMITTEE  
PEOPLE!  
HOW MUCH OF  
OUR BUDGET  
IS LEFT?

HEY,  
HOW MANY  
MORE FLOWERS  
DO YOU THINK  
WE'LL NEED?

HEY,  
WHO TOOK THE  
STEP LADDER?

AH MAN...  
CAN'T BELIEVE  
THE CULTURE  
FESTIVAL'S  
TOMORROW  
ALREADY...



SUNAKO,  
ARE YOU  
FINISHED  
WITH THE  
COSTUMES  
YET?

YOU TOOK  
CARE OF MY PART,  
TOO, RIGHT?



\*NOTES  
JUST AS  
THE NAME  
CREDIBILITY  
IS BASED ON  
THE WORD  
"CANDOR"  
THE NAME  
KATSUMI  
CONTAINS THE  
CHARACTER  
MUSKING  
"AND CINDOR"

HAITANI-SAN?  
ARE YOU FREE  
RIGHT NOW?

I'M NOT TOTALLY  
USELESS EITHER,  
YOU KNOW...

HAHAHAHA!

UNLIKE A  
CERTAIN LOAFING  
SOMEBODY!

JUST ADD  
SOME OF THIS  
DIRTY LOOKING  
COLOR WHERE IT  
SAYS TO...

WE'RE TRYING  
TO GIVE THE ATTIC  
THAT FILTHY,  
SOOTY FEEL...

THE SCENERY  
CONSTRUCTION  
IS FALLING  
BEHIND

HA  
HA  
HA

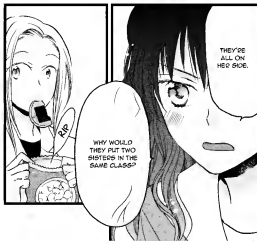
SO I WENT  
OUTSIDE  
THE LINES  
A LITTLE,  
ALL RIGHT!

WH...  
WHAT?

...WAS NOT  
WHAT WE  
ASKED FOR!!!!

A...A JACKSON  
POLLOCK  
SPIDERWEB...





WHO WERE  
BORN OUT OF  
OUR FATHER'S  
AFFAIR?

THEN THEY NEED  
TO PUT MORE  
CONSIDERATION  
INTO IT!

'CAUSE CLASS  
ASSIGNMENTS  
GO BY GRADES  
AND TEACHER  
PREFERENCES  
ONLY.

Family  
relations  
don't enter  
the equation

WHY WOULD  
YOU THROW  
TOGETHER TWO  
HALF-SISTERS...

BUT,  
WELL,

I'M JUST  
FINE BEING  
THE WICKED  
STEP-SISTER.

SINCE I PICK  
ON HER ON  
PURPOSE.

YOU TWO REALLY  
ARE JUST LIKE THE  
"CINDERELLA"  
STORY

STOP THAT!  
EVEN YOU'RE  
SAVING IT NOW  
MAO-SENSEI!

HUP

I MEAN,  
DON'T YOU HAVE  
TO FEEL BAD  
FOR HER?

I'M DOING  
IT FOR MY  
MOTHER'S  
SAKE.



THE SAME  
AGE AS ME!

TWO YEARS AGO,  
MY DAD DIES IN  
AN ACCIDENT...

AND SUDDENLY  
THIS OTHER KID  
JUST SHOWS UP  
OUT OF NOWHERE!

AND WE HAVE  
NO CHOICE BUT TO  
LET HER COME LIVE  
IN OUR HOUSE.

AND SHE  
JUST GETS  
PUSHED ON  
TO US...



THAT'S WHY  
I GET ANGRY IN  
HER PLACE.

SHE DOESN'T  
HAVE ANYONE  
TO JUMP HER  
ANGER AT.

DON'T  
YOU FEEL  
HORRIBLE FOR  
MY MOM?



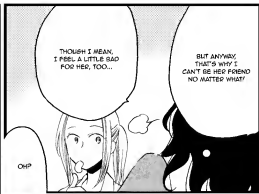
SO NOTHING  
I DO EVEN  
DOES ANY  
DAMAGE.

BUT SHE'S  
GOT TALENT,  
AND LUCK,  
AND FRIENDS,  
AND SUITS ON  
HER SIDE...

Grr...

...AND SO  
THIS IS WHY  
YOU BULLY YOUR  
LITTLE SISTER.









WHY IS SHE  
EVEN BOTHERING  
ABOUT SOMEBODY  
LIKE ME?

SHE COULD  
JUST LET  
ME BE.



THEY  
TOLD ME THE  
PASSWORD.

KINDA WANT  
THAT...

SO LET'S GO  
TOGETHER!



?

MAYBE SHE'S  
TRYING TO APPEAL  
TO PEOPLE WITH  
THAT ONE?

"Look at me,  
I'm even nice to  
my mean older  
sister."

OR PERHAPS...



I MADE  
SURE TO PUT  
IN PLENTY OF  
MUSHROOMS.

She's just  
trying to show off  
the difference  
in ability?

YOUR CHOPSTICKS  
AREN'T MOVING!  
COME ON, EAT UP!

YOU LOVE  
CREAM STEAK  
DON'T YOU?



I had stew  
that didn't  
come out of  
a pouch.

For the  
first time,

When Sunako  
came to our  
house...

We had soft,  
fluffy towels,

and crisp,  
well-starched  
shirts.

We had a sink  
that wasn't  
clogged with  
dishes.

AH,  
NO WORRIES!  
I'LL WASH  
UP!

I'M IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
CLEANING IT  
RIGHT NOW.

BUT I'LL HAVE  
IT HEATED UP  
IN NO TIME!

THE BATH  
SHOULD BE  
READY SOON  
ENOUGH.

IS THIS...

DOES  
SHE SMILE  
LIKE THAT?

WHY...

IS THIS YOUR  
WAY OF GETTING  
ALONG IN A  
NEW HOUSE?

WHAT THEY'D  
CALL A KIND OF  
PERSONAL TACT?

ALL  
SHE'S...

REALLY GOING  
IS MAKING  
FUN OF ME.

NO, NO...  
SHE'S JUST  
BUTTERING  
ME UP.

After all...

WELCOME HOME,  
MANIKO-SAN.

ANOTHER  
HARD DAY  
AT WORK?

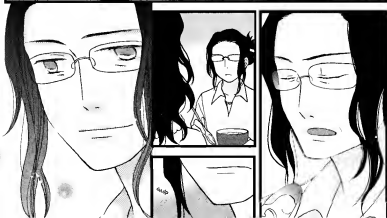
That smile  
totally looks  
like a lie.

KA-CHIK

AH!







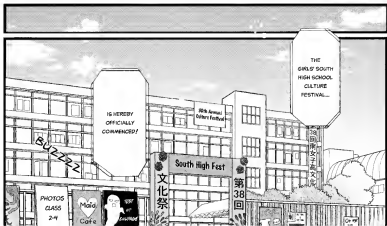


SPK. SMACK





She kept knocking, but I never answered.





**SPLASH**

AH!

AGH!

STINGER

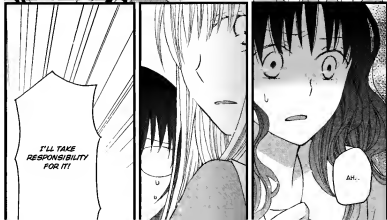
DON'T  
TOUCH ME!

WAS IT  
SOMETHING  
I DID?

SFX: SHOVE

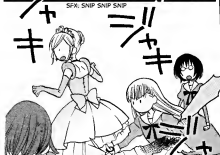


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SFX: SNIP SNIP SNIP



WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE DOING,  
SUNAKO?!

OH MY  
GOD!

DESIGN  
CHANGE!





AND PASS  
IT OFF AS  
A SKIRT  
DRESS.

WE CAN  
CUT OFF THE  
STAINED  
PART..

WE'VE GOT A  
PRETTY SEXY  
CINDERELLA,  
SO WE MIGHT AS  
WELL SHOW OFF  
HER LESS.

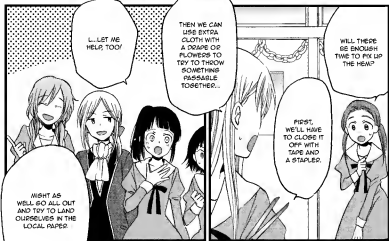


ANYONE  
WHO'S  
NOT DOING  
ANYTHING!  
NOW, NOW!

AND ANYTHING  
IN A 100-YEN  
SHOP THAT MIGHT  
HELP STIFFEN  
UP A SKIRT!

RAZOR!!!  
SOMEBODY!!  
GO OUT AND  
BUY ONE!!!!

Wha...but...  
I didn't shave  
them...



...LET ME  
HELP, TOO!

THEN WE CAN  
USE EXTRA  
CLOTH WITH  
A DRAPE OR  
FLOWERS TO  
TRY TO THROW  
SOMETHING  
PASSABLE  
TOGETHER...

WILL THERE  
BE ENOUGH  
TIME TO FIX UP  
THE HEM?

FIRST,  
WE'LL HAVE  
TO CLOSE IT  
OFF WITH  
TAPE AND  
A STAPLER.

MIGHT AS  
WELL GO ALL OUT  
AND TRY TO LAND  
OURSELVES IN THE  
LOCAL PAPER.







Silly girl.

RIGHT NOW'S  
WHEN THE WHOLE  
CLASS IS PULLING  
TOGETHER, RIGHT?  
SO YOU'D GET OFF  
WAY EASIER.



WHY DIDN'T YOU  
JUST STAY BEHIND  
AND HELP HER  
FIX THE DRESS,  
AS APOLOGY?

Nurs



SHE'S SUCH  
AN IDIOT.

ugh

I CAN'T  
TAKE IT  
ANYMORE.

I HATE  
HER.



WHEN I WAS  
OFF SHIVERING  
BY MYSELF...

WHY DID SHE  
PROTECT ME?

sniffle

"SERVES  
YOU RIGHT"  
AND BLAMED IT  
ALL ON ME.

SHE COULD  
HAVE JUST  
SAID...





SHE'S ALWAYS  
GOT A SMILE  
ON HER FACE.

...YOU WISH  
YOU GOT  
ADOPTED INTO  
THE HOSODA  
FAMILY?

I WISH  
I'D JUST  
BEEN HER.



SHE'S MY  
COMPLETE  
OPPOSITE.

LAUGHING  
HAPPILY.

BEAMING SO  
SUNNILY.

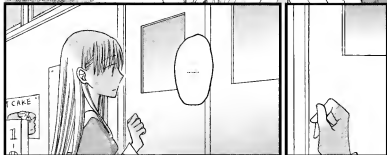
SUCCESSING  
NO MATTER WHAT  
SHE TRIES  
TO DO.

BEFORE LONG  
I'M SURE EVEN  
MOM WILL...

EVERYBODY  
ENDS UP  
LOVING HER.



WHAT WILL I DO...  
IF SHE STEALS  
HER AWAY  
FROM ME?

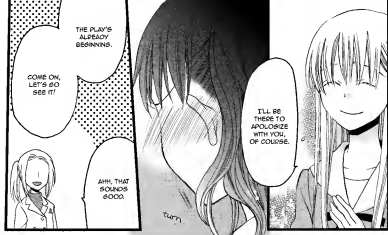


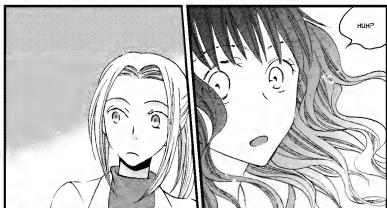
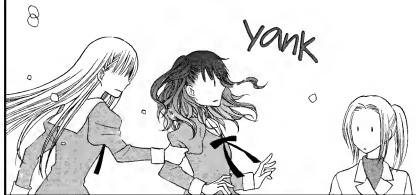
NOBODY IN  
CLASS IS MAD  
AT YOU.

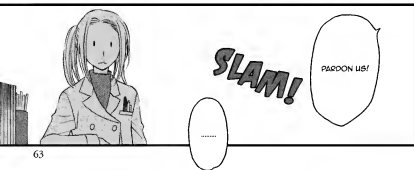
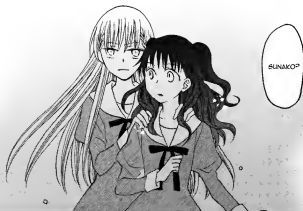
WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO GO  
NOW AND  
APOLOGIZE?

THE  
DRESS...

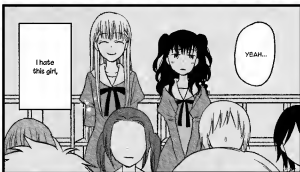
GOT FIXED  
UP FINE,  
ONEE-CHAN.





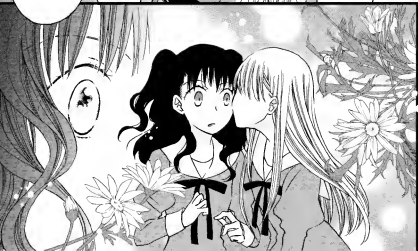


OH,  
DEAR ME!



who can  
do anything,  
who everybody  
always loves.



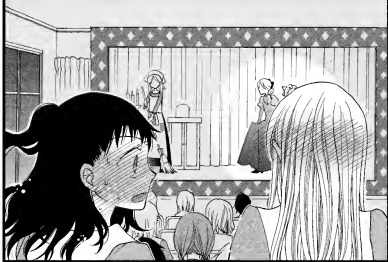




YOU'RE IN  
LOVE WITH  
ME?

TELLING  
ME...

WAIT,  
YOU  
AREN'T...



COME NOW,  
QUICKLY!  
COME HERE  
TO US!

**End**

In an alternative universe with Pokemon GO...



Sunako  
thinks I'm sad,  
but in actuality,  
my legs are just  
tired from walking  
so much.

## *A Love Smearred in Ashes*

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